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WITH BLOOD VESSEL GRAFT )

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**RESUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants resubmit a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) and Form PTO 1449 that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 8, 2004, prior to the issuance of the Notice of Allowance dated May 20, 2004. A copy of the date-stamped PTO receipt postcard showing receipt on April 8, 2004 of the Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and 1 box of references cited on the Form PTO 1449 is also attached. Accordingly, because the Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) was timely submitted prior to the issuance of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references listed on the Form PTO 1449 and the return of the Form PTO 1449 with notations indicated that the listed references have been considered.


Per the Examiner's request in a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative on June 9, 2004, Applicants submit herewith copies of the non-U.S. patent references listed on the Form PTO 1449. In the telephone conversation, the Examiner indicated that because copies of the U.S. patent references were readily accessible, she did not want copies of those references.

If there is any other fee not already accounted for and due in connection with the filing of this Resubmission, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) (2 pages);
2. Form PTO 1449 (12 pages) and 1 box containing copies of references listed on Form PTO 1449.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.


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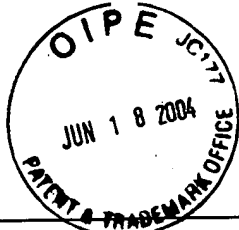


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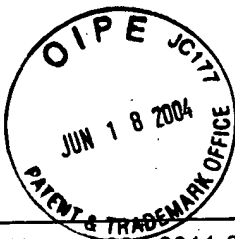


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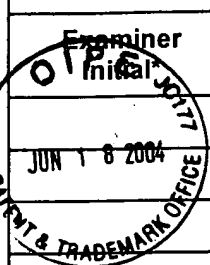
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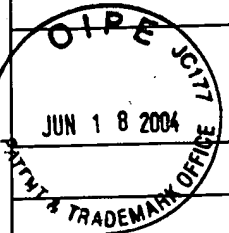
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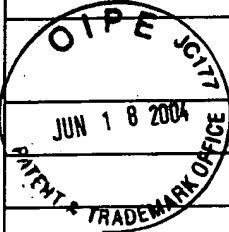
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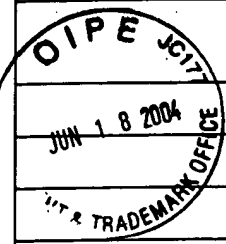


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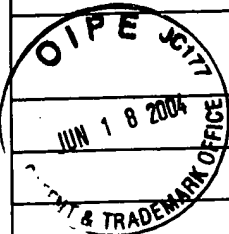
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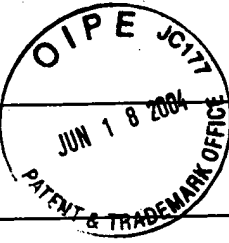


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